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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: T. HIRATA, et al

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For: METHOD OF ANALYZING DELAY FACTOR IN JOB SYSTEM

Group: Not yet assigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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February 3, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims.**